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SUBJ: "PHOTOGRAPHY USA" - PAO LETTER AND NOMINATION OF CURATOR

- 1. UPON REVIEW OF OUR DRAFT LETTER SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL IN REFTEL, WE NOTED THAT WE DID NOT SPECIFY RATE OF EXCHANGE AT WHICH REIMPURSEMENT SHOULD BE MADE. WE WERE REMINDED OF THIS ONCE AGAIN DURING CONVERSATION WITH RICHARD SUIB (ICS/E) THIS WEEK. IF AGENCY APPROVES, WE WILL INFORM COUNCIL THAT PREVAILING EXCHANGE RATE (11.88 LEI TO \$1 US) SHOULD BE USED UNLESS A CHANGE IN VALUATION OF LEI TO DOLLAR OCCURS, IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS: APPROVAL THIS ACTION.
- 2. COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED NOMINATION OF DONALD GAYTON, CURATOR, PHOTOGRAPHY USA EXHIBIT AS A SPECIALIST UNDER ARTICLE III, SECTION (2) OF CURRENT EXCHANGES AGREEMENT FOR PERIOD JANUARY 31 JUNE 1. COUNCIL PAID GAYTON PER DIEM FOR FIRST 35 DAYS OF GRANT PERIOD (AT RATE OF 100 LEI PER DAY) AND HAS ALSO ASSUMED PAYMENT FOR HOTEL ROOM AND TRAIN TRAVEL TO SIBIU. SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS FOR PER DIEM, HOTEL, AND TRAVEL WILL BE PAID AS NECESSARY UNTIL GAYTON DEPARTS ROMANIA.

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3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT FIRMED UP FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH A

LETTER, COUNCIL HAS INFORMALLY AGREED TO SUBMIT LEI FIGURES FOR INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AFTER EXHIBIT IS SHIPPED OUT OF ROMANIA, SO THAT REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE MADE TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY PURSUANT TO THE FORMULA WORKED OUT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN DECEMBER.

4. WE NOTE ONCE AGAIN THE COUNCIL'S COOPERATION BOTH HERE IN BUCHAREST AND IN SIBIU REGARDING "PHOTOGRAPHY USA" DESPITE THE FACT THE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS FOR THE 1975-76 PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES HAS STILL NOT BEEN FORMALLY CONCLUDED. FYI: COUNCIL STILL HAS NOT SET DEFINITE DATE FOR SENDING TAPESTRY/RUG EXHIBIT TO U.S. DURING PERIOD OF PROGRAM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REMIND THEM PERIODICALLY THAT PROCUREMENT OF SITES FOR SUCH EXHIBITS REQUIRES A SUBSTANTIAL LEAD-TIME. BARNES

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